

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please add the enclosed Figure 4(b) to the application, and revised Figures 2, 4 and 5.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and removal of the grounds for rejection are respectfully requested.

Claim 1 was in the application, claim 1 has been cancelled and new claim 2 has been substituted therefore.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph for failing to comply with the written description requirement. The examiner did not understand the relationship between the legs of the inverted Y (10), ring (9), the pressure spring (24) and the plate (13).

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify this relationship. In addition, the specification has been amended to clarify the relationship between the illustrated components. The drawings have also been revised to add numbers for further clarity, and new Figure 4b added.

In particular, Figure 4a, formerly Figure 4, shows a lengthwise (partial) sectional view, taken along the line A-A of Figure 1. This has been amended to call out the vertical blade (23) that connects the plate (13) to the working element (16). As this blade was visible in the original drawings, no new matter is involved in identifying this element and its function. Figure 4a also shows the ring (9), on which one end of the spring rests. Figure 2, which shows the pair of converging legs (10b) and (10c) of the inverted Y, along line B-B, has been amended only to call these out by number. The same legs are shown in Figure 5. To improve understanding of the operation, a full sectional view taken along line A-A has been added, the now exposed side being a mirror image of the formerly exposed side, and so, no new material is involved in the addition of this Figure to the application. The original drawings support these revisions, as well as the revisions to the specification, Page 5, Lines 2-5.

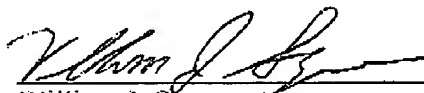
The operation of the device is admitted to be conventional, and is similar to that described in several of the patents cited by the examiner. For example, U.S. Patent No. 5,755,283 describes such conventional operation relative to prior art Figures 3 and 4. So as to clarify this operation, a similar descriptive paragraph has been added to the specification, at Page 5, Line 18. This describes what would be obvious to one skilled in the art, relative to the components shown in the drawings, and does not constitute new matter.

As stated in MPEP 2163.07(a), "By disclosing in a patent application a device that inherently performs a function or has a property, operates according to a theory or has an advantage, a patent application necessarily discloses that function, theory or advantage, even though it says nothing explicit concerning it. The application may later be amended to recite the function, theory or advantage without introducing prohibited new matter. In re Reynolds, 443, F.2d 1376, 178 USPQ 279 (CCPA 1973)."

Consequently, as the function is determined by the structure as originally shown, such description is proper to add to the application without adding new matter.

Based on the above amendments and remarks, favorable consideration and allowance of the application is requested. However should the examiner believe that direct contact with the applicant's attorney would advance the prosecution of the application, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Marked Up Paragraphs Of The Specification

The fourth full paragraph, lines 7-8, on Page 4 is amended as follows:

Figure 4: ~~4a Shows~~ shows the lengthwise (partial) sectional view, along a plane indicated by the A-A line in Figure 1; ~~Figure 4b shows the lengthwise (full) sectional view thereof.~~

The first full paragraph on Page 5, lines 2-5 is amended as follows:

At the end ~~of an upright leg (10a)~~ of the inverted "Y" extension, a part, ~~in the shape of an upside-down plate (13) is located which is permanently fixed to the working element 16, by vertical blades (23).~~ This part has a central ring shaped projection (14), which is used for ~~attachment engagement to the leg (10a) and being slidable thereover. between the part~~ Between the plate (13) and the converging legs 10b and 10c of the "Y", there is a pressure spring.